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(57) Abstract			
<p>An implantable medical device with a ceramic enclosure has a novel multi-layered ceramic feedthrough substrate in place of a prior art glass-to-metal feedthrough substrate, leading to lower costs and a higher feedthrough density. Use in a metal enclosure is also disclosed.</p>			

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